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SUBJECT: NEW EMBASSY COMPOUND, PROPERTY NO. 05284; GEOLOGICAL
RESEARCH

REF: A. STATE 16835; B. MOSCOW 1072; C. STATE 21984;
D. MOSCOW 2127

1. NOW THAT DEPARTMENT AND CONTRACT ARCHITECT RECEIVED
INFORMATION ON SOVIET METHOD OF CONDUCTING GEOLOGICAL
RESEARCH IN LETTERS FROM VORONIN ON FEBRUARY 12 AND
NECHISTIK ON FEBRUARY 14, EMBASSY HOPES IT WILL BE POSSIBLE
REACH EARLY DECISION ON ACCEPTABILITY SOVIET METHODS AND
PROCEDURES FOR CARRYING OUT WORK.

2. SOVIETS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY WILL ENTER INTO
CONTRACT ONLY ON BASIS SOVIET METHODS AND STANDARDS. INDEED,
AT FEBRUARY 14 MEETING WITH ARCHITECTS UPDK REFUSED TO ACCEPT
PROFERRED COPIES APPLICABLE SECTIONS AMERICAN SOCIETY
TESTING AND MATERIAL STANDARS. HOWEVER, UPDK SAYS SOVIET
STANDARDS ANDS ARE ANALOGOUR (REFTEL B) TO AMERICAN STANDARDS AND
HAS PROVIDED DATA IN LETTERS REFERRED TO ABOVE TO RESPOND
TO OUR EXPRESSED CONCERN.

3. WHILE EMBASSY NO COMPETENT TO JUDGE ADEQUACY THIS
TECHNICAL DATA, IT DOES APPEAR UPDK MAKING REASONABLE
EFFORTS PROVIDE INFORMATION ESTABLISHING
ADEQUACY SOVIET METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR CARRYING OUT
GEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS. UPDK INQUIRED MARCH 17 ABOUT
RESPONSE TO VORONIN'S FEBRUARY 12 LETTER AND WAS ADVISED
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DEPARTMENT WAS STUDYING DATA TRANSMITTED THIS LETTER AS

WELL AS SUPPLEMENTARY DATA TRANSMITTED NECHISTIK'S LETTER
FEBRUARY 17.

4. UNLESS FBO AND CONTRACT ARCHITECTS FIND SERIOUS
DEFICIENCIES IN INFORMATION PROVIDED BY UPDK, EMBASSY
RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE EMBASSY SIGN
CONTRACT FOR COMPLETION GEOLOGICAL WORK (REFTELA) AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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